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Relations Board, or which is the certified representative of the employees under the provisions of the National Labor Relations Act, as amended, or the Railway Labor Act, as amended.

(c) Collective bargaining agreements made with representatives who have not been so certified will be ruled on individually upon submission to the Administrator.

§ 531.7 Request for review of tip credit.

(a) Any employee (either himself or acting through his representative) may request the Administrator to determine whether the actual amount of tips received by him is less than the amount determined by the employer as a wage credit. If it is shown to the satisfaction of the Administrator that the actual amount of tips is the lesser of these amounts, the amount paid the employee by the employer shall be deemed to have been increased by such lesser amount.

(b) Requests for review and determination may be made either orally or in writing to any investigator or any regional, district, or field office of the Wage and Hour Division or to the Administrator in Washington, DC 20210. Requests should be accompanied by a statement of tips received each week or each month over a representative period as reported by the employee to the employer for purposes of Internal Revenue Service reports. Such a request should also be accompanied by a statement showing the tip credit taken by the employer and any other information deemed pertinent by the petitioner. In any instance in which it appears that the tip credit claimed by the employer exceeds the amount of tips actually received by the tipped employee, the employer shall be apprised of the facts made available to the Wage and Hour Division and be afforded the opportunity to submit any evidence he may care to present in support of his claim for tip credit before a determination is made. Such determination shall be made by the official representative of the Wage and Hour Division assigned to make an investigation of the employing establishment.

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§ 531.8 Petitions to issue, amend, or repeal rules, including determinations, under this part.

Any interested person may petition for the issuance, amendment, or repeal of rules, including determinations under this part. Any such petition shall be directed in writing to the Administrator. Any such petition shall include: (a) A declaration of the petitioner's interest in the proposed action; (b) a statement of the rule-making action sought; and (c) any data available in support of the petition. Whenever a petitioner seeks determination of "reasonable cost" or "fair value" the statement of rule-making sought shall contain the information required under § 531.4(b) or § 531.5(b), as the case may be.

Subpart C—Interpretations

§ 531.25 Introductory statement.

(a) The ultimate decisions on interpretations of the Act are made by the courts (*Mitchell v. Zachry*, 362 U.S. 310; *Kirschbaum v. Walling*, 316 U.S. 517). Court decisions supporting interpretations contained in this subpart are cited where it is believed they may be helpful. On matters which have not been determined by the courts, it is necessary for the Secretary of Labor and the Administrator to reach conclusions as to the meaning and the application of provisions of the law in order to carry out their responsibilities of administration and enforcement (*Skidmore v. Swift*, 323 U.S. 134). In order that these positions may be made known to persons who may be affected by them, official interpretations are issued by the Administrator on the advice of the Solicitor of Labor, as authorized by the Secretary (Reorganization Plan 6 of 1950, 64 Stat. 1263; Gen. Order 45A, May 24, 1950, 15 FR 3290). The Supreme Court has recognized that such interpretations of this Act "provide a practical guide to employers and employees as to how the office representing the public interest in its enforcement will seek to apply it" and "constitute a body of experience and informed judgment to which courts and litigants may properly resort for guidance." Further, as stated by the Court: "Good administration of the Act and